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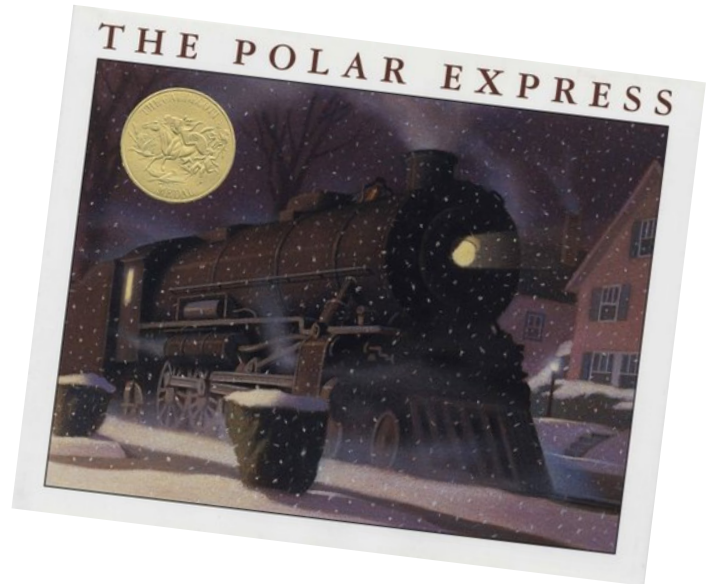
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Book Review

Title: The Polar Express
Author: Chris Van Allsburg
Reviewer: Tracy Adler
Publisher: Houghlin Mifflin Harcourt
Publication Year: 1985
ISBN: 9780547771281
Number of Pages: 32
Interest Level: Toddler, Preschool, Primary
Rating: Outstanding



Review

As children we embrace fantasies because we love the enchantment. Growing up tends to cause us to lose that magic and mystery. A little boy still wants to believe that Santa is real, and he is taken on a trip of a lifetime to prove just that, despite what others may or may not believe.

This book uses very descriptive phrases and imagery to portray an enchanting place and mystical journey. The accompanying illustrations are gorgeous and add to the magic of this Christmas story. The Polar Express is written through the eyes of the child, so children will be able to relate to it and follow along with ease. Children can once again believe in the magic of Santa Claus just through reading this story and immersing themselves in this fantastic journey to the North Pole. Adults are encouraged to read the closing statement to be drawn-in to the Christmas fantasy once again.